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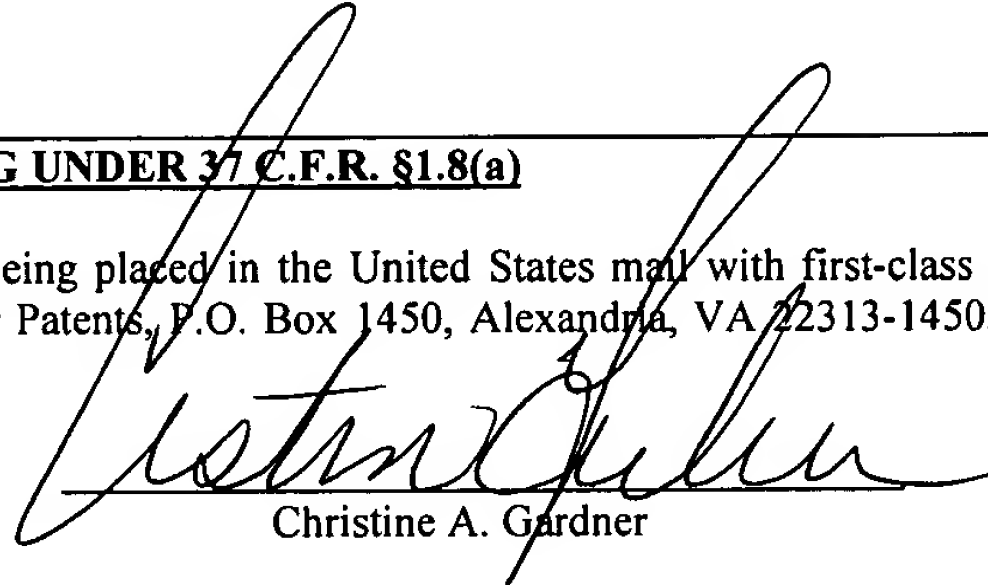
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Applicant: Mailvaganam T.S.P.M. Pillai  
Serial No: 09/889,610  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this amendment.